

Gedeo language

Gedeo is a Highland East Cushitic language of the Afro-Asiatic family spoken in south central Ethiopia. Alternate names for the language include Derasa, Deresa, Darassa, Geddeo, Derasanya, Darasa. It is spoken by the Gedeo people, who live in the highland area, southwest of Dila and east of Lake Abaya.^[3]

The languages has SOV word order. Verbs are marked for person, number, and gender of subject. Verbs are marked for voice: active, causative, middle, and passive.

The New Testament was published in the Gedeo language in 1986, using the Ethiopian syllabary.

Notes

- Gedeo (<https://www.ethnologue.com/18/language/drs/>) at *Ethnologue* (18th ed., 2015)
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External links

- Introduction to Gedeo dictionary (<https://web.archive.org/web/20120218214016/http://www.kwedekind.de/Eingang1/PdfFiles/2008GedeoIndex.pdf>) (archived)
- Gedeo dictionary (https://web.archive.org/web/20120218213952/http://www.kwedekind.de/Eingang1/PdfFiles/2008_Gedeo_Dictionary_of_1978_by_Categories.pdf) (archived)

Gedeo	
Native to	Ethiopia
Region	Gedeo Zone, Guji Zone
Native speakers	980,000 (2007 census) ^[1]
Language family	Afro-Asiatic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cushitic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Highland East<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gedeo
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	drs
Glottolog	gede1246 (http://glottolog.org/resource/anguoid/id/gede1246) ^[2]

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